

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As someone with experience in technology development as both an entrepreneur and an executive I write in strong support of the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. I support the merger for three reasons: it will bring end-to-end wireless coverage to communities that currently have spotty coverage. It will turn the potential of broadband for jobs and economic development, education, health care, and entertainment into a reality specifically for minorities and others that are currently underserved.

I believe the Commission should not only focus its review on the benefits from the merger but also on the negative impacts if the merger is not approved, particularly for T-Mobile customers. Deutsche Telekom has made it clear that it will not finance T-Mobile USA's expansion into 4G LTE, and T-Mobile is losing subscribers already. T-Mobile is struggling and urgently needs a partner. AT&T is the best partner that can help T-Mobile's customers transition to faster and better technologies.

It is detrimental to competition and to the current T-Mobile customer base to let T-Mobile fail or wither away. Instead, the best solution is for AT&T and T-Mobile to combine and, together, build a better, more efficient, and more reliable network. This will help the nation overcome the challenge of crowded spectrum that is rapidly becoming a reality in our major cities. This spectrum crunch hurts all mobile customers, and particularly those entrepreneurs who are developing new applications that are designed to work on fast broadband networks or who are seeking to expand their markets and customer base through now-critical tools like social media. If those networks are unreliable, the applications will not be adopted quickly or perhaps even developed. That's why I have written that the merger supports the needs of small businesses and entrepreneurs across the country – because it will offer faster and more reliable service through greater spectrum efficiencies and bring 4G LTE service to virtually the entire country leveling the playing field making it possible for anyone anywhere to start a mobile business. And building out this new network will mean thousands of new jobs, meaning the merger will contribute significantly to economic development.

In sharp contrast to the situation today, when the merger is complete, real high-speed Internet access will become the rule, not the exception, in our online interactions. I believe that a lot of opponents to the merger are failing to see we can seize this future quickly if the merger is approved.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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